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SPEECH NOTES FOR THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN AT ELDERLY
CITIZENS HOMES' MANSON TOWERS PROJECT.

27/6/73.

YOUR WORSHIP, MR. BOWERING, MR. FLAHERTY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ASKING ME TO OPEN MANSON TOWERS TODAY.

THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE AGED IS ONE OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT, BUT IT IS ONLY ONE OF THE
MASSIVE AND URGENT NEEDS WHICH FACE ANY ADMINISTRATION.

FOR THIS REASON IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT THERE IS ALSO
THE WIDEST POSSIBLE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, AND "ELDERLY
CITIZENS HOMES OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA" CAN BE PROUD OF THE LEADING
ROLE THEY ARE TAKING IN THIS WORK.

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I NOTE WITH PLEASURE SIR, THAT YOU SHARE THE VIEW OF THE
GOVERNMENT THAT WE SET UP PROJECTS WHICH ARE PART OF THE COMMUNITY
AND NOT DIVORCED FROM IT.

THERE ARE 145-THOUSAND AGED PEOPLE IN THIS STATE. IT WOULD BE
ABSURD AND TRAGIC IF WE WERE TO SEEK TO ISOLATE THEM IN ANY WAY
FROM THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY OR TO DO SO BY DEFAULT.

WE MUST FULLY INVOLVE THE AGED IN THE LIFE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE THEM WITH A SATISFYING LIFE IN
RETIREMENT AND SO THAT WE CAN DRAW ON THEIR WISDOM AND
EXPERIENCE.

THIS PROJECT, SET AS IT IS IN THE HEART OF AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT,
OFFERS RESIDENTS BOTH PRACTICAL BENEFITS SUCH AS EASE OF SHOPPING
AND TRANSPORT AND SOCIAL ONES IN THE WAY IN WHICH IT ALLOWS FOR
FULL PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

IT OFFERS SENIOR CITIZENS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FULL LIFE WITH
PEOPLE OF THEIR OWN AGE GROUP BUT AMONG THE GENERAL COMMUNITY.

CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH AND PLANNING HAS GONE INTO THIS PROJECT
AND THE BENEFITS OF IT ARE OBVIOUS TODAY.

I CONGRATULATE ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT I AM SURE
THAT IT WILL PROVIDE SECURITY AND HAPPINESS FOR MANY PEOPLE
AND I HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN DECLARING IT OPEN.